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LIMDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR JORDEN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED "DECLARATION OF PANAMA"

1. WE DISCUSSED WITH ROBERT PASTOR THIS AFTERNOON THE PROPOSAL FOR A DECLARATION OF PANAMA, TO BE SIGNED BY LEADERS ATTENDING THE PANAMA TREATY RATIFICATION CEREMONY, AND WORKED OUT THE FOLLOWING MODE OF PROCEDURE.

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2. WE AGREED THAT WE WISHED TO AVOID AN ILL-COORDINATED PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION OR A PREMATURE DISCUSSION OF THE MATTER BEFORE OTHER PARTIES HAVE BEEN CONSULTED. INSTEAD, WE AGREED THAT WHEN FOREIGN MINISTER GONZALEZ REVILLA VISITS THE OTHER COUNTRIES CONCERNED, HE SHOULD TRY OUT ON EACH OF THEM A SIMPLE DECLARATION HIGHLIGHTING THEIR COMMON

DETERMINATION TO WORK IN THE SPIRIT OF COORDINATION EMBODIED
IN THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY, TO STRENGTHEN INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING. HE WOULD EXPECT THAT RE-
SPONSE TO THIS IDEA WOULD BE FAVORABLE, BUT WE WOULD LIKE
TO KNOW SOONEST IF IT CREATES A PROBLEM FOR ANY COUNTRY.
ADDITIONALLY, WE WILL TAKE UP WITH THE PANAMANIANS A BROADER
DOCUMENT WHICH USES THE TEXT BELOW AS A STARTING POINT. FYI
THIS TEXT WOULD PROVIDE US WITH A MINIMUM OBJECTIVE WITH
WHICH WE CAN LIVE IF

AGREEMENT ON A MORE EXTENSIVE DECLARATION ACCEPTABLE TO US
CANNOT BE REACHED. END FYI.

3. IN REQUESTING GONZALEZ REVILLA TO DETERMINE WHETHER
THE LANGUAGE QUOTED BELOW IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE OTHERS, YOU
SHOULD ALSO ADVISE HIM THAT WE WILL VERY SHORTLY BE TAKING
UP WITH HIS GOVERNMENT ADDITIONAL POINTS FOR POSSIBLE
INCLUSION IN A BROADENED DECLARATION. WE HOPE TO WORK OUT
SUCH A TEXT WITH THE PANAMANIANS, AND WOULD THEN LIKE TO
MINIMIZE COMPLEXITIES OF MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS THERE-
AFTER BY WORKING WITH THE OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS, ON
BEHALF OF US BOTH, PRIMARILY IN WASHINGTON BUT ALSO
THROUGH EMBASSIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

4. IN HIS DISCUSSIONS GONZALEZ REVILLA MIGHT WISH TO
SOUND OUT THE OTHERS ON THE GENERAL ACCEPTABILITY OF SUCH
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AN IDEA. HOWEVER, UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO WORK FURTHER
ON IT WITH THE PANAMANIANS, WE WOULD PREFER THAT HE AVOID
ANY DISCUSSION OF SPECIFICS.

5. PLEASE ASCERTAIN IF THIS PROCEDURE MEETS WITH PANA-
MANIAN APPROVAL. TEXT OF DECLARATION TO BE GIVEN TO
GONZALEZ REVILLA FOLLOWS.

QTE. WE, THE CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF GOVERNMENT PRES-
ENT IN PANAMA CITY ON THE OCCASION OF THE EXCHANGE OF
INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES
BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA, BELIEVE THAT THE TREATIES REPRESENT A HISTORIC
STEP FORWARD IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS. THESE TREATIES
SYMBOLIZE A FUNDAMENTAL RESPECT FOR SOVEREIGNTY AND A CO-
OPERATIVE SPIRIT WHICH CAN MOTIVATE THE POWERFUL AND THE
POOR TO ADDRESS THE DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WHICH AFFECT THEM
ALL.

BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATIES DEMON-
STRATE HOW ALL OF US CAN WORK TOGETHER IN A NEW SPIRIT OF
COOPERATION TO SHAPE THE FUTURE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR

IDEALS, WE ARE DETERMINED TO BUILD ON THIS EXAMPLE.

ACCORDINGLY WE PLEDGE OURSELVES TO WORK ACTIVELY AND IN
COOPERATION:

-- TO FURTHER WORLD PEACE.

-- TO PROMOTE GREATER RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF HUMANKIND
AND TO WIDEN THE SCOPE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTION IN THE
DEFENSE OF HUMAN DIGNITY.

-- TO RAISE THE LIVING STANDARDS OF THE WORLD'S POOR AND
TO CREATE A MORE JUST AND EQUITABLE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC
SYSTEM. END QTE. CHRISTOPHER
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